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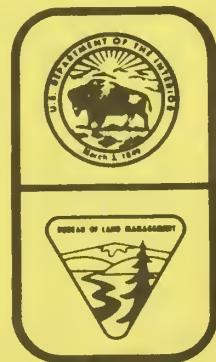
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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
PUBLIC LANDS ADMINISTERED BY CALIFORNIA STATE OFFICE  
(Except the California Desert Conservation Area)

### INTRODUCTION

This Draft report of the Initial Wilderness Inventory of public lands (outside the California Desert) administered by the Bureau of Land Management, California State Office, contains narrative descriptions of each initial Inventory Unit and is accompanied by Inventory Unit maps. Publication of this report starts the 90-day period of public review and comment on the draft initial inventory.

1. This report includes proposed decisions on lands that clearly and obviously do NOT qualify for Wilderness considerations, and
2. announces the beginning of the intensive inventory of those public lands in California that may meet the criteria for Wilderness Study Areas.

The descriptive narratives in the published reports are numbered to correspond to numbered areas appearing on the enclosed maps. (Although each narrative is a separate and individual document, it can be more readily understood if read in conjunction with the map.) Those Inventory Units on the draft maps which are cross-hatched are scheduled for intensive inventory.

Recent ownership changes in scattered parcels may not appear on the maps, but they have been considered in the narrative findings.

Only public lands administered by BLM are considered in this Wilderness Inventory Process. Mineral reserve lands with private ownership of surface are not included.

BLM California welcomes comment at any stage of the Wilderness Program, but in the Inventory phase, only information contributing to the determination of Wilderness Study Areas can be used effectively. However, all comments will be documented for consideration at the appropriate stage.

Inventory worksheets are enclosed for your use in writing comments. You are cordially invited to attend the public meeting and/or workshop in your area, and to make a statement, but written comments receive equal consideration with those presented orally.

## WILDERNESS REVIEW.

The wilderness review process has three phases: inventory, study, and submission of a report to Congress. Public involvement is provided for in all phases of the process, including opportunity for comment, participation, and review.

- a. Inventory First, BLM inventories the public lands to identify areas that meet the definition of wilderness established by Congress. Such areas are identified as Wilderness Study Areas (WSA's).
- b. Study Next, BLM studies each WSA using the BLM land-use planning system to analyze all values, resources, and uses within the WSA. The findings of the study determine whether the area will be recommended as suitable or nonsuitable for designation as wilderness.  
In this phase, wilderness, other uses, resources, and values will be thoroughly examined. During the study BLM will actively solicit comments on these topics.
- c. Reporting When the study has been completed, a recommendation as to whether the WSA is suitable or nonsuitable for designation as wilderness is submitted through the Secretary of the Interior and the President to Congress. Reports on all WSA's must be submitted by October 21, 1991.

### **ONLY CONGRESS CAN DESIGNATE AN AREA AS PART OF THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM.**

On September 27, 1978, BLM published the Wilderness Inventory Handbook, Policy Direction, Procedures, and Guidance for Conducting Wilderness Inventory on the Public Lands, detailing the guidelines for the Wilderness Inventory Process. More than 10,000 copies of the "Blue Book" have been distributed in California. It is available from the California State Office and BLM District Offices (see page 6 for addresses). Requests are filled immediately. The Handbook is made a part of this report by reference.

California has combined the initial and intensive inventory process discussed in this handbook into a single year's program.

During the next 90 days all public meetings and workshops will be seeking public comments and worksheets on:

- (1) Those inventory units identified in the initial inventory included in this report and;

(2) Those inventory units that are being intensively inventoried (shown as cross-hatched on the maps).

In the BLM Wilderness program only Inventory is completed without consideration of other uses of the land. The only issue of significance in the Inventory is whether the land meets the criteria described in 2(c) of the Wilderness Act of 1964 (See Appendix B for text of Section 2(c)).

Upon completion of the 90-day review period, BLM will evaluate all public comments and formally identify those public lands found not qualified as Wilderness Study Areas and publish the final Initial Inventory report about June 30, 1979. This formal identification of those public lands that do not qualify as Wilderness Study Areas will remove them from the restrictions imposed by Section 603, Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

The June report will also include the Draft Intensive Wilderness Inventory maps and descriptive narratives, with acreages listed and will have considered those public comments previously submitted. Its publication will initiate a 90-day review and comment period on the Draft Intensive Inventory ending about September 30, 1979.

The final report on the Intensive Inventory of the areas that qualify as Wilderness Study Areas is scheduled for completion in early November 1979 with the publication of the Final Wilderness Inventory Maps and Descriptive Narratives. It will contain the State Director's decisions on areas to undergo study because they meet the Wilderness criteria established by Congress.

Identification as a Wilderness Study Area (WSA) does not mean that the area will be designated Wilderness.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BLM WILDERNESS INVENTORY

Director Frank Gregg has set the tenor for BLM Wilderness processes:

The Wilderness program and Interim Management Policy should be in context with BLM policy of multiple use and sustained yield. The first responsibility of Bureau personnel is to establish conditions under which all users at every level can participate in decision making. The basic thrust is a team approach where all resource interests can participate. The concept of wilderness forever is a serious philosophical commitment. Integrity is the key. Public involvement has to be genuine.

In full accord with the Director, California BLM's Public Involvement Program for Statewide Wilderness Inventory is designated specifically to treat the public -- general, governmental, and organizational -- as a partner to BLM and not as an adjunct to the program. At each stage of the process, steps are being identified to ensure full public knowledge, involvement, and participation.

Those interested in effective participation are invited to note the following dates of significance in the inventory phase.

THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR MARCH WITH SPECIFIC LOCATIONS AND DATES, APPEARS ON THE INSERT SHEET IN OF THIS REPORT. THE DATES LISTED BELOW ARE APPROXIMATE PROGRAM TARGET DATES, SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS SITUATIONS DICTATE.

FEBRUARY 1979

Draft Initial Inventory Report is published, beginning the public comment and review period which ends 90 days from date of publication.

MARCH 5 - 17, 1979

Input Opportunities

Public meetings will be held in each District and in state population centers to explain the program, answer questions on the Initial Map and Narratives, and to receive information and comments initial and intensive inventory units. BLM's primary question in this phase: "Does an area, or portions thereof, possess the necessary wilderness 2(c) characteristics to be considered a Wilderness Study Area. Why, or why not?"

Input will be recorded to add to documentation on the inventory unit.

APRIL 15 - MAY 1, 1979

District Office "walk-in" workshops. Conversational, one-to-one with members of wilderness inventory field team who will collect information on roads, etc., within specific numbered areas on both the Initial and Intensive Inventory Units. Contact individual Districts for times and location

JUNE 30 1979

Final Initial Inventory Report Maps and Narratives/Draft Intensive Inventory Area Maps and Descriptive Narratives published containing State Director's final decision on Initial

Inventory Units. Potential Wilderness Study Areas within Intensive Inventory Units will be identified. A 90-day comment and review period begins on the Draft Intensive Inventory, ending about September 30, 1979.

JULY 7 - AUG 10, 1979

Public meetings in each District and in state population centers

Purpose: To receive comments on Draft Intensive Inventory Maps and Narratives (limited to 5-10 minutes). Recorded by court reporter as part of official record of inventory.

NOVEMBER 1979

Publication of Final Inventory Area Maps and Descriptive Narratives, containing State Director's decision on Wilderness Study Areas (WSA's) including acreages.

DECEMBER 1979

State Director's decisions become final unless changes have to be made in accordance with Handbook.

Wilderness Inventory ends.

Wilderness Study begins.

Public Comments by Mail:

In preparing written comments on these inventory findings, it is recommended that a separate worksheet be prepared for each inventory unit. This will permit all comments to be reviewed with the appropriate unit and be retained in the permanent unit file. This will also allow each worksheet to respond more directly to the individual characteristics in each area. This form of input will be more useful than broad narratives that might attempt to generalize statements to cover more than one area.

Each District Office is completing the inventory for the areas that office administers. Inventory teams are working within the District and coordinating with adjacent Districts in order to assure consistency in overlapping inventory units.

As indicated on the inventory worksheet, comments can be mailed to the California State Office, Sacramento. Worksheets submitted in this manner will be forwarded to the appropriate Districts for use in this inventory. (This will assist those who wish to give input on areas in more than one District by having to mail one package).

Comments can also be mailed directly to the District conducting the field inventory for a particular unit.

Following is each District address and the inventory unit code each uses. All inventory units which start with those codes are being handled through that office.

Bakersfield District Office  
800 Truxtun, Rm. 311  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

CA-010-

Susanville District Office  
705 Hall St.  
P.O. Box 1090  
Susanville, CA 96130

CA-020-

Redding District Office  
355 Hemsted Drive  
Redding CA 96001

CA-030-

Folsom District Office  
63 Natoma St.  
Folsom, CA 95630

CA-040-

Ukiah District Office  
555 Leslie St.  
Ukiah, CA 95482

CA-050-

Riverside District Office  
1695 Spruce St.  
Riverside, CA 92507

CA-060-

The California State Office Address:

2800 Cottage Way  
Room E-2921 (Wilderness)  
Sacramento, CA 95825

## INTERIM MANAGEMENT

Congress also requires that BLM manage all public lands which meet the wilderness criteria in such a way as to not impair their suitability for wilderness preservation until Congress designates such areas as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System, or denies such wilderness designation by legislative action.

BLM's Draft Interim Management Policy and Proposed Surface Management Regulations were issued for public review and comment January 12, 1979. Two key features are: 1) BLM will manage the public lands so that other resource use activities may continue with minimum interruption during the wilderness review process; 2) Lands identified as meeting the roadless and wilderness characteristics criteria will be managed in accordance with the law to prevent their impairment for potential wilderness designation.

The guiding principle of this management is that the impact an activity has on the land's potential for wilderness designation, and not a particular activity, will be measured to determine if the activity will be allowed or regulated.

Copies of the Draft "Interim Management Policy and Guidelines for Wilderness Study Areas" and Proposed Surface Management Regulations are available from the California State Office and BLM District Offices (see page 6 for addresses).

## SPECIAL CATEGORIES

### A. SPECIAL PROJECTS

Prior to the time that the Bureauwide wilderness inventory is completed there has been a need to make decisions on Special Projects which must include consideration of wilderness resources to meet the requirements of Section 603 of FLPMA.

The California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) is in this category. Inventory should be completed in March 1979. The study of the CDCA is scheduled to start in March and is to be completed by September 30, 1980.

This Wilderness Review is being carried out by BLM in response to two congressional mandates set forth in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-579):

1. Section 601, which established the California Desert Conservation Area and directed the preparation of a comprehensive plan for the management, use, development, and protection of the Area's public lands by September 30, 1980;
2. Section 603 (see Appendix A), which directs the review of all roadless areas of 5,000 acres or more of contiguous public lands administered by BLM and possessing the wilderness characteristics identified in the Wilderness Act of 1964.

The Act (FLPMA) provided 15 years for the review of the public lands, but the Wilderness Review of the California Desert Conservation Area is being carried out as an advance special project in order to meet the September 30, 1980 deadline for completion of the California Desert Plan.

In California the western leg of the Arctic Gas pipeline also falls in this category. Wilderness inventory has been completed under this authority. Inventory Units #CA-030-001, #CA-030-002, #CA-030-003 and #CA-030-004, on maps 03-06, 03-07, and 03-10 enclosed, are related to this project.

Information on these special projects is not contained within this report.

B. INSTANT STUDY AREAS (ISA S):

The law states that wilderness recommendations on all public land areas formally designated as Natural or Primitive Areas prior to November 1, 1975, will be reported to the President by July 1, 1980. There are six areas in California meeting this requirement.

Area Name	Original Designation	Acreage	District	Inventory Unit Number
Baker Cypress/Lava Rock	Natural Area	1,148	Redding	CA-030-201
Bitterbrush	Natural Area	640	Susanville	CA-020-604
San Benito	Natural Area	1,900	Folsom	CA-040-309
Negit Island	Natural Area	197	Bakersfield	CA-010-109
Piute Cypress	Natural Area	760	Bakersfield	CA-010-046
Chemise Mountain	Primitive Area	3,941	Ukiah	CA-050-111

The Initial Wilderness Inventory has been completed on these ISA's and the narrative for each area is printed below. Public comment is encouraged on these narrative conclusions also.

#### BAKER CYPRESS/LAVA ROCK INSTANT STUDY AREA

Inventory Unit #CA-030-201

The Baker Cypress/Lava Rock area was designated as a Natural Area withdrawn under Public Land Order 3530 on January 29, 1965, for the protection of unique botanical, geological, or zoological characteristics and of irreplaceable scientific and recreation values.

The 1,148.43 acres of designated lands are located in two separate parcels, both located within the boundaries of the Timbered Crater Intensive Inventory Unit (CA-030-201).

These two parcels alone do not meet wilderness criteria because of their small size, with acreages substantially less than 5,000 acres for either.

Because of their association with a large contiguous roadless area containing both BLM (CA-030-201) and USFS (RARE II unit 5-083) administered lands, these parcels will be further evaluated during the intensive inventory phase. This intensive inventory will determine if wilderness characteristics exist when the entire roadless area is considered.

#### BITTERBRUSH INSTANT STUDY AREA

Inventory Unit #CA-020-604

Bitterbrush Natural Area consists of 640 roadless acres of public land within Cal-Neva Planning Unit, Susanville District. The area is part of a larger roadless inventory unit, CA-020-604, identified for intensive inventory. The area, designated in 1965, was established to preserve a typical native stand of Bitterbrush, which is an essential big game forage.

The Natural Area by itself is not suitable for wilderness consideration. Although natural in character, this extremely small, flat area, adjacent to a well traveled road, precludes outstanding opportunity for solitude or primitive type recreation.

The Natural Area will receive further wilderness consideration in conjunction with the intensive inventory of the larger roadless unit. It then may be eligible for wilderness consideration if the larger inventory unit, or a contiguous part, is determined to have wilderness characteristics.

**SAN BENITO INSTANT STUDY AREA**  
Inventory Unit #CA-040-309 (within CA-040-304)

**Physical Boundaries**

The area involves the San Benito Natural Area located within San Benito County.

**Land Ownership**

The area consists of 1,900 acres and is included within the larger initial inventory unit CA-040-304. The Instant Study Area includes two roads, a powerline, and a communication site. This area, even when considered with contiguous public lands outside the designated Natural Area, is not suitable for consideration as wilderness due to size and the impacts of man.

**NEGIT ISLAND INSTANT STUDY AREA**  
Inventory Unit #CA-010-109

**Physical Location**

This island is located in Mono Lake.

**Land Ownership**

This island is only 197 acres, thereby making its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition impractical. The surveyed portion of the island is entirely public land. Ownership of the relicted land (that land that is emerging as water levels decrease) is the State of California. This Instant Study Area does not possess wilderness characteristics based on size/managability.

**Description of the Environment**

Little or no vegetation exists on this small island due to lack of soil development. The island was designated a natural area

in recognition of its significance as a seagull rookery.

#### Natural Condition

The island itself has generally retained its primeval character without permanent improvements or human habitation. However, water diversions are resulting in a steady reduction in water levels, thereby adding land area to the perimeter of the island. Further reductions in lake level will greatly alter the ecology of the island, the greatest danger being encroachment by predators utilizing the emerging land bridge.

#### Opportunities for Solitude or For a Primitive and Unconfined Type of Recreation

Due to the island's small size and its lack of both vegetative and topographic screening, opportunities for both solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation are non-existent. Few visitors could be accommodated without severely reducing opportunities for solitude, and the island offers little challenge or appeal for primitive and unconfined recreation.

#### Supplemental Characteristics

The seagull rookery provides good opportunities for education and scientific study.

### PIUTE CYPRESS INSTANT STUDY AREA Inventory Unit #CA-010-046

#### Physical Location

This unit includes the 760 acre Piute Cypress Natural Area and the contiguous roadless public lands. The area is bounded on the south by the Forest Service Cypress RARE II Area which is in the "future planning" category so that it might be studied jointly with the public lands.

#### Land Ownership

The Piute Cypress Natural Area is solidly blocked public lands. The public lands contiguous to the Natural Area contain an 80-acre inholding and have an irregular boundary on the north as a result of the private land pattern.

### Description of the Environment

The Piute Cypress Grove, located partially within the Piute Cypress Natural Area, partially within the US Forest Service Botanic Area, and partially on private lands, is the largest of five small groves of this remnant of desert forest species. The Natural Area was withdrawn in 1965 to provide protection for these fire dependent species.

### Natural Condition

The area is bisected by a Forest Service road which provides access to the Piute Mountain block of the Sequoia National Forest. There is some evidence in the grove of historic firewood and fence post collecting.

While not noticeable to the casual observer, the practice of fire prevention and suppression has upset the natural successional process in this grove of fire dependent species. There is little or no regeneration.

With the exception of the Forest Service road, the Piute Cypress Instant Study Area appears to be affected primarily by the forces of nature.

The Instant Study Area, when considered alone, does not possess wilderness characteristics based on size (760 acres). When considered with the contiguous public lands, the area still does not possess wilderness characteristics due to size. However, when considering the adjoining public lands and the adjoining Forest Service Cypress Roadless Area, the area may possess opportunities for preservation as wilderness. The area will be evaluated in this manner during the intensive inventory phase.

### CHEMISE MOUNTAIN INSTANT STUDY AREA

Inventory Unit #CA-050-111

### Physical Boundaries

The Chemise Mountain Primitive Area is located within the designated King Range National Conservation Area just south of Shelter Cove and north of the proposed Sinkyone State Wilderness area near Bear Harbor. The Pacific Ocean forms the western boundary.

### Land Ownership

The designated Instant Study Area consists of 3,941 acres of public lands which of itself is not of sufficient size to meet wilderness 2(c) criteria as directed in Sec. 603 of FLPMA. This primitive area is a part of the 60,000 acre King Range National Conservation Area designated by Congress in 1974 following acceptance of a plan for management and acquisition of lands within the area.

Due to this relationship with the rest of the King Range National Conservation Area, Chemise Mountain Primitive Area and contiguous lands will be intensively inventoried for wilderness characteristics in conjunction with Inventory Units #CA-050-112 and CA-050-113. This will permit an overall evaluation of the wilderness characteristics of the Conservation Area.

### Summary:

All six areas considered only by themselves fail to meet the criteria for consideration for wilderness. However, four of the legally designated areas are in fact, parts of larger roadless areas and are scheduled for Intensive Inventory along the other contiguous public lands in the area. Two areas, Baker Cypress/Lava Rock and Piute Cypress, also involve Forest Service RARE II lands within their roadless areas which will require inter-agency coordination.

If these narrative conclusions are unchanged by public input and comment, California plans to report by the July 1, 1980, deadline that these ISA's by themselves do NOT have wilderness characteristics, but four areas might when considered in conjunction with contiguous roadless areas. The report would indicate that recommendations are being deferred on these four until study of the contiguous area.

THE LAWS

Wilderness Review of the public lands administered by BLM was mandated by Congress in Section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (Public Law 94-579).

PUBLIC LAW 94-579—OCT. 21, 1976

90 STAT. 2785

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT WILDERNESS STUDY

SEC. 603. (a) Within fifteen years after the date of approval of this Act, the Secretary shall review those roadless areas of five thousand acres or more and roadless islands of the public lands, identified during the inventory required by section 201(a) of this Act as having wilderness characteristics described in the Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964 (78 Stat. 890; 16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and shall from time to time report to the President his recommendation as to the suitability or nonsuitability of each such area or island for preservation as wilderness: *Provided*, That prior to any recommendations for the designation of an area as wilderness the Secretary shall cause mineral surveys to be conducted by the Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines to determine the mineral values, if any, that may be present in such areas: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall report to the President by July 1, 1980, his recommendations on those areas which the Secretary has prior to November 1, 1975, formally identified as natural or primitive areas. The review required by this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure specified in section 3(d) of the Wilderness Act.

Review;  
report to  
President.  
43 USC 1782.

Report to  
President.

(b) The President shall advise the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of his recommendations with respect to designation as wilderness of each such area, together with a map thereof and a definition of its boundaries. Such advice by the President shall be given within two years of the receipt of each report from the Secretary. A recommendation of the President for designation as wilderness shall become effective only if so provided by an Act of Congress.

Recommendations  
to President  
of the Senate  
and Speaker  
of the House.

(c) During the period of review of such areas and until Congress has determined otherwise, the Secretary shall continue to manage such lands according to his authority under this Act and other applicable law in a manner so as not to impair the suitability of such areas for preservation as wilderness, subject, however, to the continuation of existing mining and grazing uses and mineral leasing in the manner and degree in which the same was being conducted on the date of approval of this Act: *Provided*, That, in managing the public lands the Secretary shall by regulation or otherwise take any action required to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of the lands and their resources or to afford environmental protection. Unless previously withdrawn from appropriation under the mining laws, such lands shall continue to be subject to such appropriation during the period of review unless withdrawn by the Secretary under the procedures of section 204 of this Act for reasons other than preservation of their wilderness character. Once an area has been designated for preservation as wilderness, the provisions of the Wilderness Act which apply to national forest wilderness areas shall apply with respect to the administration and use of such designated area, including mineral surveys required by section 1(d)(2) of the Wilderness Act, and mineral development, access, exchange of lands, and ingress and egress for mining claimants and occupants.

Regulation.

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Appendix B

WILDERNESS ACT

Public Law 88-577

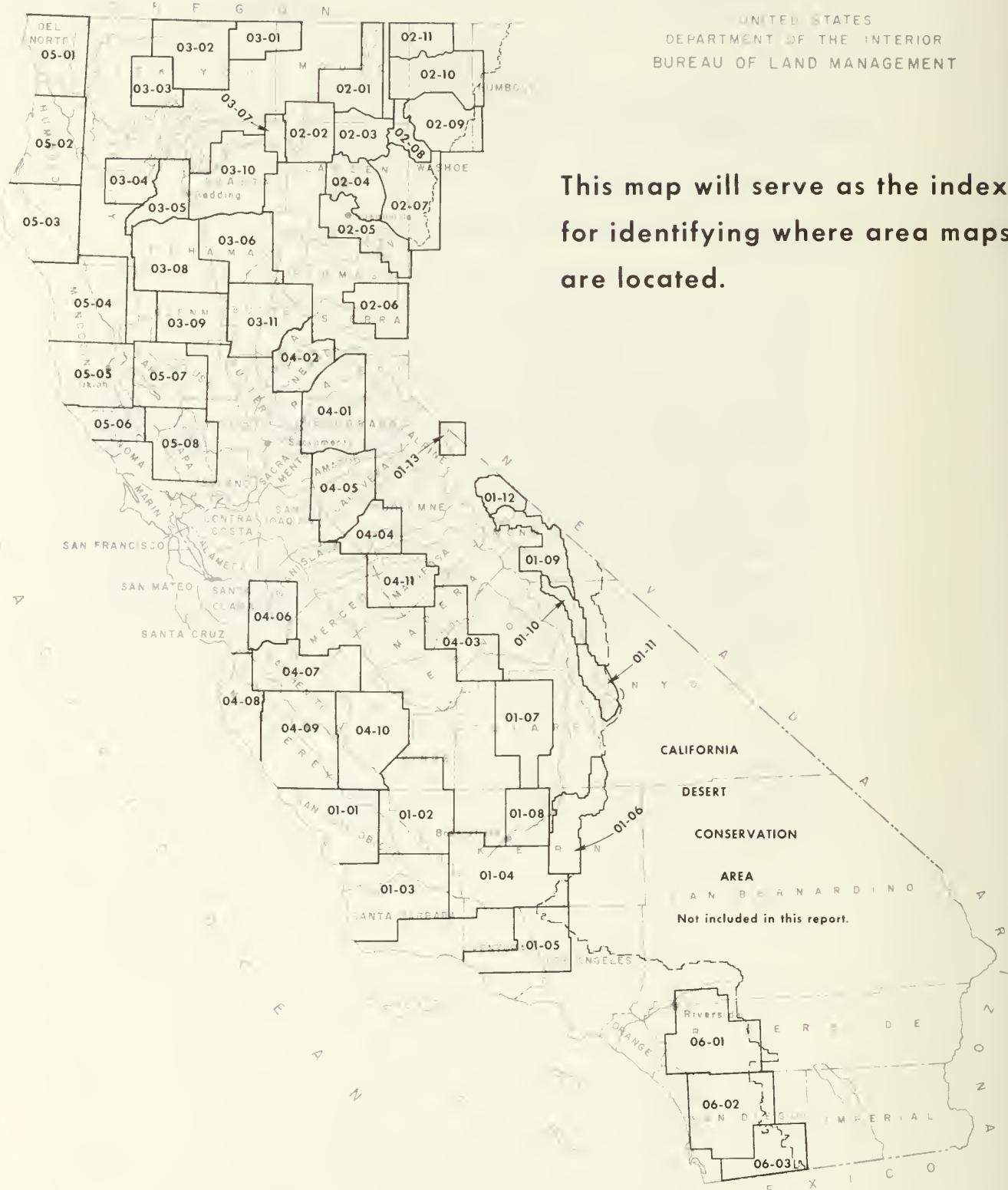
September 3, 1964

To Establish a National Wilderness Preservation System

Section 2(c) Definition of Wilderness

"A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; (3) has at least five thousand acres of land or is of sufficient size as to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value."

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT



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CA-010-003

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit is comprised of scattered public land parcels in the Fillmore/Newhall area.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-010-004

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit includes scattered public land parcels between the two blocks of the Angeles National Forest and east from Bouquet Canyon Road to the California Desert Conservation Area Boundary.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-010-005

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit includes the scattered public land parcels in the foothills of the southern San Joaquin Valley. It is bounded on the south by the Forest Service and CDCA Boundaries.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-010-008

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit includes the small scattered public land parcels in Santa Barbara County.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-010-010

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit is comprised of scattered public land parcels east of the Sequoia National Forest Boundary and generally northeast of Bakersfield.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

This area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-010-013

**I. PHYSICAL LOCATION**

This unit includes public land parcels northeast of Santa Margarita and around Santa Margarita Lake in San Luis Obispo County.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-010-014

**I. PHYSICAL LOCATION**

This unit contains all of the scattered public land parcels in the southwest portion of San Luis Obispo County excluding those adjoining RARE II areas and the Congressionally designated Santa Lucia Wilderness Area.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-010-015

**I. PHYSICAL LOCATION**

This unit includes a 3,200-acre block of public land located between the Los Padres National Forest Boundary and Interstate 5 just south of Gorman and several scattered parcels of public land between State Highway 138 and the Angeles National Forest Boundary.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-010-018

**I. PHYSICAL LOCATION**

This unit includes the scattered public land parcels located in the northwest corner of Kern County.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit includes the scattered public land in Kings County.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

This area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit includes the scattered public land parcels in northwest San Luis Obispo County, north of State Highway 41 and west of US 101.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its perservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit contains the scattered and roaded public land parcels located in the Sierra Foothills of Tulare County. Private property and maintained roads separate all parcels in this unit from either Forest Service or Park Service lands.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

Private land ownership has divided public land in this unit into many scattered public land parcels ranging in size from less than forty acres to several thousand acres.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Dense chaparral covers the majority of the parcels in this unit. The terrain is generally rough and rocky. Some of the less rugged public lands support oak woodland and annual grassland communities.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

There are several developed and maintained roads in the unit which divide the public land parcels into roadless areas of less than 5,000 acres. These roads were developed in support of livestock operations and to provide access for logging and mining operations. Several of these roads continue to provide access for visitors to Sequoia National Park.

There are also many range improvements in the unit including fences, corrals and water developments. There are signs of former efforts of brush conversion for the purpose of improving wildlife habitat. Due to the developed and maintained roads and other impacts in this unit there is no area of over 5,000 acres which retains its primeval character.

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

Scattered parcels of public land in the Kennedy Meadows area comprise this unit.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of continuous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-010-033

**I. PHYSICAL LOCATION**

This unit includes the scattered public land parcels in the Walker Basin area. The unit is bounded on the east by the CDCA Boundary, the north by the Sequoia National Forest Boundary, and on the south by State Highway 58.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-010-038

**I. PHYSICAL LOCATION**

This unit includes the southern end of the Caliente Mountain Range public land block in eastern San Luis Obispo County.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The unit is primarily public land; however, the public land block is broken by several parcels of private land.

**III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

Topography of this unit varies from rolling hills to rugged highly eroded canyons. Vegetative cover varies from sparse annual grasses at the lower elevations to California juniper woodland at higher elevations.

**IV. NATURAL CONDITION**

The unit is crossed by several roads developed and maintained in support of the livestock operations in the area. These roads break the public land block into roadless areas of less than 5,000 acres. In addition to the grazing leases which cover the entire area, there are also several oil and gas leases in the area and some limited oil and gas development.

CA-010-039

**I. PHYSICAL LOCATION**

This unit includes scattered public land parcels in the northern Temblor Range into the Carrizo Plain from Seventh Standard Road south to Crocker Flat, and the block of public lands east of the crest of the Temblors from Crocker Flat south to State Highway 33.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

Land ownership patterns north of Crocker Flat divide this unit into blocks of contiguous public land of less than 15,000 acres. Below Crocker Flat the public land is a nearly contiguous solid block.

**III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT**

The Temblor range varies from gently rolling grass covered hills to abrupt, fragile, easily erodable canyons and hillsides which are totally denude of vegetation. Generally, the vegetation is annual grasses and saltbrush; however, in the northern part of the range there is some oak woodland and California juniper.

**IV. NATURAL CONDITION**

Parcels in the lower elevations are heavily developed for oil and gas operations. These parcels contain producing wells, abandoned oil fields, and numerous pipeline, power, and communication rights-of-way. These parcels are nearly denude of vegetation. The Chico Martinez block and the southernmost portion of the unit show many signs of surface mining and exploration both past and present. Parcels in the higher elevations and in the Chico Martinez block are leased for grazing and have extensive range improvements such as developed and maintained roads, fences, corrals, and an elaborated stock watering system including pipelines, troughs, and storage tanks. The roads developed and maintained in support of the livestock operations divide the public land block into roadless parcels of public land less than 5,000 acres. Due to these roads and other impacts, there is no area of sufficient size to make practical its preservation in a natural condition.

**V. OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION**

Opportunities for solitude or a wilderness type recreation experience are greatly limited by the size of the parcels and the rather intense existing uses of the public lands.

CA-010-041

**I. PHYSICAL LOCATION**

This unit includes the scattered public land parcels located in the valley between the Elk Hills and the Temblor Mountains.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-010-043

**I. PHYSICAL LOCATION**

This unit includes the scattered public land parcels in the southern end of the Cuyama Valley south of State Highway 166 and between the Forest Service boundaries.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-010-044

**I. PHYSICAL LOCATION**

This unit is comprised primarily of the scattered public land parcels separated from the main Temblor Range public land block by State Highway 33 and the scattered parcels in the Elkhorn Plain.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

Private land ownership and county maintained roads divide the public land parcels in this unit so that there are not 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor are the parcels of sufficient size to make practical their preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

**I. PHYSICAL LOCATION**

This unit, located in the Kern River Valley, is bounded on the north, south and west by the Forest Service boundary and on the east by Kelso Creek Road and Fay Ranch Road.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The public land in this unit is divided into several blocks by private land, Forest Service land, and lands withdrawn by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Lake Isabella project.

**III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT**

Vegetative cover in this unit is primarily annual grasses. In the western portion of the unit there is some digger pine, scrub oak, mountain mahogany, and a few ponderosa pine. In the parcels near Cyrus Canyon and Long Canyon, there is some California juniper. Topography varies from steep rocky peaks of over 5,000 feet to broad, relatively flat alluvial fans leading into the Kern River Valley. In the Keysville area, the Kern River crosses public land for approximately 3 miles.

**IV. NATURAL CONDITION**

The Keysville area shows much evidence of the past mining operations including diggings, old building foundations, roads and several Mining Claim Occupancy Act authorized dwellings. This area as well as Wagy Flat is intensively grazed. The narrow strip of public land north of Wagy Flat includes two Small Tract Act housing developments, State Highway 155 and a high voltage transmission line.

The Cyrus Canyon area contains considerable private land and land administered by the Corps of Engineers. The public lands contain a community sand pit and a land fill operated on a Recreation and Public Purposes lease by Kern County.

The Cook Peak parcel contains the remains of the former Forest Service fire lookout and the road associated with it. Due to the roads and other impacts in this unit there is no area of sufficient size to make practical its preservation in a natural condition.

**V. OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION**

The size of the parcels within this unit and the extent of existing developments and uses limit the opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation.

**I. PHYSICAL LOCATION**

This unit includes all the public land lying south of Lubkin Canyon Road between the Forest Service boundary and Owens Lake, south to Olancha.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The unit is comprised primarily of public lands with private lands along the former lakeshore at Cottonwood Canyon and around Olancha.

**III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

The public lands in this unit are primarily sage covered alluvial fans leading from the base of the Sierra escarpment to the Owens Lake.

**IV. NATURAL CONDITION**

This unit is dissected by the Los Angeles City Aqueduct, US 395, the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way, several high voltage transmission lines and communication lines. Due to the narrow strip nature of this unit, these man-made features degrade the natural condition of the public lands to the point that they could not be practically managed in a natural condition.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

The man-made features, existing land uses and narrow shape of the public land greatly limit the opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation in this unit.

CA-010-054

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit includes the public lands between Hogback Road and Lubkin Canyon Road, the Inyo National Forest boundary and U. S. 395, excluding those public lands which adjoin RARE II areas. This unit also includes several small scattered parcels in the Owens Valley and a small block of public land near the old town of Dolomite.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The lands west of U. S. 395 are nearly solid blocked with the exception of private lands in Lubkin Canyon and along Lone Pine Creek. The lands in the valley are scattered parcels surrounded by the City of Los Angeles lands.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The lands west of U.S. 395 are broad sage covered, rocky alluvial fans extending from the base of the Sierra escarpment to the Owens Valley. The public lands near Dolomite include the drier more barren foothills of the Inyo Mountains. The lack of water and soil development in this range restricts the vegetative cover to grasses and forbs. This unit also includes the geologically interesting Alabama Hills.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The large blocks of public land in this unit are all divided into roadless areas of less than 5,000 acres by roads which are developed and maintained by Inyo County, the State of California, or which are part of the Inyo National Forest Transportation system. BLM's Tuttle Creek Campground lies within this unit. Other man-made features in this unit which detract from its natural appearance are the Los Angeles Aqueduct and service road, signs of former mining operations, the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way, range improvements and evidence of the long history of movie making in the Alabama Hills. Due to the developed and maintained roads and other impacts in this unit, there is no area of over 5,000 acres which retains its primeval character.

V. OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

Although there are opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation activities such as hiking, photography, painting, camping and others, especially in the Alabama Hills, the existing developments and uses greatly limit these opportunities.

CA-010-061

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit includes all public lands with the exception of those bordering USFS RARE II areas between Oak Creek Road and Tinemaha Creek on the north and south and the USFS boundary and Los Angeles Aqueduct on west and east.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit contains the block of public land between Pine Creek Canyon and Buttermilk Road, U. S. 395 and the Forest Service boundary.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The unit is primarily public land with one small inholding.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The Tungsten Hills are nearly barren hills with numerous rocky outcroppings. The sparse vegetation that does occur consists primarily of grasses and forbs.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The Tungsten Hills formerly were mined very actively. Remnants of the mining operations in the form of roads, mining diggings and former occupation sites are evident throughout. The area does not appear to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature.

CA-010-069 a-d

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit includes four small blocks of public land around Bishop. One block is located south of State Highway 168 and borders the U. S. Forest Service. This parcel is dissected by Death Valley Road. The second block is located against the Forest Service boundary between Buttermilk Road and the Antimony Mine. It is dissected by State Highway 168. The third is located north of Redding Canyon Road against the White Mountains. The last block is located between the Owens River and U. S. 395, north of Bishop to the Forest Service boundary.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-010-073

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit includes all the public land surrounding Crowley Lake north of Crowley Lake Drive. The unit is bounded on the north, east and west by the U. S. Forest Service.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-010-084

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This narrow strip of public land extends northwest from Fish Slough to the high voltage transmission line road. It is bounded on the north and south by roads developed and maintained in support of the livestock operation in the area.

## II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-010-086

## I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

The Benton Range forms the eastern boundary of this inventory unit. The north and south boundaries are U. S. Forest Service lands. The boundary on the west is State Highway 120 and the Adobe Ranch Road.

## II. LAND OWNERSHIP

This unit is primarily public land with only a few small private inholdings around the surface water.

## III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The environment within this inventory unit is typical of the Great Basin. Adobe Valley is ringed with pinyon covered mountains. The valley floor is sagebrush and ephedra. There are several lakes in the unit with the associated riparian vegetation.

## IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The Adobe Valley is an intensively managed grazing unit. As such, there are numerous fences, water developments, corrals and the attendant roads. A portion of the valley was sprayed in the 1950's to convert sagebrush to grassland. In addition to the change in the natural condition, as a result of the range improvements, there is also a high voltage transmission line, a stock driveway and State Highway 120 crossing the area. The imprint of man's work is substantially noticeable throughout the unit; therefore, the area is not practical for preservation in a primeval condition.

CA-010-087

## I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit includes the public lands in the Benton Valley. The unit is bounded on the east by US 6, on the south by State Highway 120, on the west by the Benton Range and on the north by a road to the pumice quarry.

## II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The lands in this unit are all public with the exception of the private lands around the town of Benton and some inholdings along US 6.

## III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The environment in this unit varies from pinyon woodland on the western edge to Great Basin grasslands in the valley floor to rocky sagebrush covered alluvial fans extending west from the White Mountains.

## IV. NATURAL CONDITION

There are several active pumice mines and a high voltage powerline in this unit. The roads associated with these developments divide the unit into roadless areas of less than 5,000 acres which are not of sufficient size to make practical their preservation in an unimpaired condition.

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit includes the public lands surrounding Mono Lake south of Poleline Road and west of the private land at Walford Springs. The west and south boundary are formed by the USFS boundary. The east boundary south of Mono Lake is formed by the road leading from Mono Mills to the private lands around Simons Springs.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

This area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit includes the public lands between US 395 and the Forest Service boundary north from Lundy Canyon to Bridgeport.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit includes the public lands which extend up Aurora Canyon to Bodie State Park. The unit is bounded on the south by Aurora Canyon Road, Potato Peak Road and private land and on the north by Gieger Grade, private land and Masonic Road.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area is nearly 50% private land. This area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit is bounded on the west by Bridgeport Reservoir, on the south and east by Masonic Road and the north by the Forest Service boundary.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit is bounded on the north by the Forest Service and on the south by private land and the Bodie/Masonic Road.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-010-107

I. PHYSICAL LOCATION

This unit includes the public lands surrounding Coleville. It is bounded on the east, south and part of the west by the Forest Service. The remainder of the western boundary is formed by US 395. The northern boundary is formed by the California/Nevada border.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land nor is it of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

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CA-020-001

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-001 contains approximately 134 tracts of public land ranging in size from less than 40 acres to approximately 3,000 acres within the Alturas Planning Unit. The tracts are separated from other public land by private land and/or roads. None of them is contiguous to another federal agency's wilderness study area or potential study area. These small tracts obviously do not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

CA-020-101

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-101 contains approximately 162 tracts of public land varying in size from less than 40 acres to approximately 3,000 acres within the Hayden Hill Planning Unit. Most of the tracts are surrounded by private land or are separated from other public land by roads. A few tracts are bound on one side by land administered by another federal agency. None of the tracts is contiguous to another federal agency's wilderness study area or potential study area. These small tracts obviously do not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

CA-020-201

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-201 contains approximately 115 tracts of public land varying in size from less than 40 acres to approximately 3,800 acres within the Madeline Planning Unit. Many of the tracts are completely isolated from other public land by private land, and others are bound by roads and/or private land. A few tracts are bordering land administered by another federal agency. None of the tracts is contiguous to another federal agency's wilderness study area or potential study area. These small tracts obviously do not meet the wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

CA-020-301

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-301 contains approximately 80 small tracts of public land varying in size from less than 40 acres to approximately 3,500 acres within the Willow Creek Planning Unit. Many of the tracts are completely surrounded by private land and others are separated from other public land by private land and/or roads. None of them is contiguous to another federal agency's wilderness study area or potential study area. These small tracts of public land obviously do not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

CA-020-302

Inventory Unit CA-020-302 contains approximately 7,000 acres of roadless public land within the Willow Creek Planning Unit. Approximately 3,000 of the acres have been impacted by past timber harvest and reforestation projects. The remaining 4,000 acres are impacted by numerous miles of ways, fence lines, a 10-acre borrow pit and seven dam-type reservoirs. These imprints of man's activities have a significant impact on naturalness and are substantially noticeable in the inventory unit. The unit obviously does not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The area is located in Bald Hills. The eastern boundary is a paved county road, the southern boundary is private land. The western boundary is U.S.F.S. administered land and the northern boundary is a maintained dirt road.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

There are two inholdings within the inventory unit, a 640-acre tract in the southwest portion and a 40-acre tract in the northeast portion.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The area is predominantly gentle, rolling down, sloping topography broken by shallow intermittent drainages. The northern portion is mostly conifer forest and the southern portion low and big sagebrush.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The area is generally unnatural in character. Past timber practices impact a large portion of the inventory unit, the remaining acreage is impacted by numerous miles of ways, fences and other range facilities. Man's influence is very evident throughout the inventory unit.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

While in the northern portion of the unit, topography and vegetation combine to offer outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation; in the southern half, where the topography is flat and the vegetation sparse, an outstanding opportunity for solitude or primitive recreation does not exist.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES

The area does not contain any unusual or significant scientific, educational, scenic, or historical features that would be considered supplemental wilderness values.

CA-020-305

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-305 contains approximately 9,000 acres of public land within the Willow Creek Planning Unit. The unit is natural in character but does not offer outstanding opportunities for either solitude or primitive-type recreation. The unit obviously does not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The unit is bound on the east by U. S. Highway 395, on the north and west by maintained dirt roads, and on the south by a County paved road.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

There are three parcels of non-federal land within the inventory unit, an 840 block is located in the northern portion of the unit, a 40 acre block located in the western portion and a 160 acre block located in the eastern portion.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Saddle Rock Hill, elevation 5,470 feet and located in the center of the unit, is the prominent landmark in the unit. The topography surrounding this prominence is gentle to moderate downsloping broken by a shallow intermittent drainage along the west side of the unit. Sagebrush with scattered juniper is the dominant vegetation.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The area is natural in character.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

The unit does not offer outstanding opportunity for either solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation. Limiting factors are size, lack of topographic relief and diversity and vegetative screening.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES

The area does not contain any unusual or significant scientific, educational, scenic or historical features that would be considered supplemental wilderness values.

CA-020-307

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-307 contains approximately 10,200 acres of public land within the Willow Creek Planning Unit. The unit is generally natural in character but does not offer outstanding opportunities for either solitude or primitive-type recreation. The unit obviously does not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The unit is bound on the east by U. S. Highway 395, on the north by a County maintained road, on the west by the Southern Pacific Railroad Line and private land, and on the south by a maintained dirt road and private land.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area consists entirely of public land of which 40 acres have been withdrawn for a Public Water Reserve.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The area is located in the extreme southern portion of Madeline Flats. It is flat, unbroken terrain with mostly low sagebrush vegetation and scattered juniper trees except for a 640 acre juniper stand located in the southern portion of the unit.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The area is in an essentially natural condition. A few miles of undefined ways are evident but they have a very minimal impact on naturalness.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

The flat landform and lack of adequate vegetative screening severely limits opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES

The area does not contain any unusual or significant scientific, educational, scenic or historical features that would be considered supplemental wilderness values.

CA-020-401

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-401 contains approximately 112 tracts of public land varying in size from less than 40 acres to approximately 3,000 acres within the Honey Lake Planning Unit. Almost all of the tracts are isolated from other public land by vast acreages of private land. A few tracts are bound on one side by federal land administered

by another federal agency. None of the tracts is contiguous to another federal agency's wilderness study area or potential study area. These small tracts of public land obviously do not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

CA-020-501

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-501 contains approximately 45 tracts of public land varying in size from less than 40 acres to approximately 1,000 acres within the Beckwourth Planning Unit. The tracts are mostly isolated, surrounded by private land or separated from other public land by a road. None of the tracts is contiguous to another federal agency's wilderness study area or a potential study area. These small tracts obviously do not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

CA-020-502

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-502 contains approximately 4,600 roadless acres of public land in both California and Nevada. The unit is irregular in shape and separated from other public land by private land and roads. The unit obviously does not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

CA-020-601

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-601 contains approximately 97 tracts of public land varying in size from less than 40 acres to approximately 4,000 acres within the Cal-Neva Planning Unit. The tracts are separated from other public land by private land and/or roads. None of the tracts is contiguous to another federal agency's wilderness study area or potential study area. These small tracts obviously do not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

CA-020-610

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-610 contains approximately 10,000 acres of public land within the Cal-Neva Planning Unit. The unit is natural in character but does not offer outstanding opportunities for either solitude or primitive-type recreation. The unit obviously does not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The unit is bound on all sides by well maintained roads. Smoke Creek Ranch Road, a county surfaced road, forms the southern boundary and the remaining boundaries are formed by the Deep Cut and 5 Spring Roads, both dirt type.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area is entirely public land except for a 640 acre private inholding located in the southwest part of the unit.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The area is flat to rolling low sagebrush-covered terrain except for Deep Cut Canyon, located in the northeast corner of the unit and extending approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile in length. The prominent land feature is a solo juniper tree located in the center of the unit.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The unit is mostly natural in character. Three dam-type reservoirs are located on the periphery but they have a minimal impact on naturalness. A way, one mile in length, cuts into the unit and dead ends with little impact on naturalness.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

Lack of topographic relief and variety and vegetative screening preclude outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES

The area does not contain any unusual or significant scientific, educational, scenic, or historical features that would be considered supplemental wilderness values.

CA-020-701

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-701 contains approximately 43 tracts of public land varying in size from less than 40 acres to approximately 3,000 acres within the Tuledad Planning Unit. The tracts are separated from other public land by private land and/or roads. A few tracts are bound on one side by land administered by another federal agency. None of the tracts is contiguous to another federal agency's wilderness study area or potential study area. These small tracts of public land obviously do not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

CA-020-702

Inventory Unit CA-020-702 contains approximately 7,000 acres of public land within the Tuledad Planning Unit. The unit is generally natural in character but does not offer outstanding opportunities for either solitude or primitive recreation. The unit obviously does not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The area is located in Duck Flat. The eastern boundary is formed by Nevada State Highway 81, the southern boundary being private lands. The western boundary is a maintained dirt road and the northern boundary is formed by private lands.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

This area consists entirely of public lands, but the configuration is extremely irregular with private lands extending deeply into the area. The majority of the area is less than 1.5 miles in width with extensions as narrow as one-quarter mile in width.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

This area is a nearly level flat. The vegetation consists of low desert shrubs with big sage as the dominant plant.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The area is generally natural in character, but impacts from the activity of man are evident. There are several ways in the eastern part of the unit. The western portion of the unit has large blocks of private land that intrude the area. The private land contains numerous fenced pastures. They have undergone various attempts at vegetation manipulation from plowing and seeding to heavy grazing which has caused vegetation change.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

Outstanding opportunities for solitude are limited by the flat terrain and low desert vegetation. Without sufficient topographical or vegetation screening, this area, due to its size and configuration, isn't big enough to keep visitors physically or visually apart. Outstanding opportunities for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation are lacking due to the lack of diversity of terrain and vegetation.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES

The area does not contain any unusual or significant scientific, educational, scenic, or historical features that would be considered supplemental wilderness values.

CA-020-801

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-801 contains approximately 46 scattered tracts of public land varying in size from less than 40 acres to approximately 3,600 acres within the Home Camp Planning Unit. These tracts are separated from other public land by roads and private land. None of the tracts is contiguous to another federal agency's wilderness study area or potential study area. These small tracts of public land obviously do not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

CA-020-802

Inventory Unit CA-020-802 contains approximately 5,900 acres of public land within the Home Camp Planning Unit. The unit is generally natural in character but does not offer outstanding opportunities for either solitude or primitive recreation. The unit obviously does not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The area is roughly triangular in shape, extending approximately five miles in length and varying in width from one-quarter to two miles. The western boundary is Nevada State Highway 81. The eastern boundary is a dirt road used by the local ranchers. The southern boundary is formed by private lands adjacent to Nevada Highway 81 where it turns east.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area consists entirely of public land.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The area is predominantly gently sloping to flat in the northern end broken by one small knoll. The southern end is comprised of a low rounded hill that slopes off gently on all sides. The drainage is by numerous dry washes that are in the bottom of gentle swales. Vegetation consists of typical Great Basin sagebrush with big sagebrush the dominant species. Associated with the shrubs are scattered grasses and annuals.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The area is essentially natural in character. There are two borrow pits in the area each approximately one-quarter mile in from Nevada Highway 81.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

Outstanding opportunities for solitude are limited due to the gently sloping nature of the terrain and lack of vegetation screening. Visitors to the area could easily see one another or a road bounding the area from practically anywhere in the unit. Outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined type of recreation are also limited by the small size of the unit and the lack of diversity in terrain and vegetation.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES

The area does not contain any unusual or significant scientific, educational, scenic, or historical features that would be considered supplemental wilderness values.

CA-020-803

Inventory Unit CA-020-803 contains approximately 5,200 acres of public land within the Home Camp Planning Unit. The unit is generally natural in character but does not offer outstanding opportunities for either solitude or primitive recreation. The unit obviously does not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The area is located on the east side of Duck Lake. It is triangular in shape, and approximately two miles in width at the widest point. The western boundary is Nevada State Highway 81. The northern boundary is the Lost Creek Road; the southern boundary is a maintained dirt road.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area is entirely in public ownership.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The area is comprised of very gently sloping to flat terrain. Lost Creek, a shallow wash, bisects the unit from east to west. The southern portion of the area has several small shallow washes that drain to the west. Lost Creek and the other washes only have water for a short period during the spring while the snow pack melts and right after periods of heavy rain. The washes do not support riparian vegetation. The vegetation is typical Great Basin sagebrush with big sage being the dominant species.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The area remains in essentially natural condition. At the northern end of the unit a road intrudes approximately one-half mile into the unit. It leads to Cherry Well, developed for stock watering. There is a corral located immediately adjacent to Lost Creek Road and a small borrow pit immediately adjacent to Nevada Highway 81.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

There are no outstanding opportunities for solitude due to the open, gently sloping to flat topography and the lack of vegetation screening. Unconfined recreation is also nonexistent due to openness and low type vegetation, giving a visitor an impression of a small, confined area.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES

The area does not contain any unusual or significant scientific, educational, scenic, or historical features that would be considered supplemental wilderness values.

CA-020-824

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-824 contains approximately 16,000 acres of public land within Home Camp Planning Unit. Approximately 10,000 of the acres are a dry lakebed. The area is natural in character but does not offer outstanding opportunity for either solitude or primitive type recreation. The unit obviously does not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The unit is triangular in shape. The eastern boundary is a maintained dirt road. The southern boundary is private lands along the Surprise Valley Road. The western boundary is private land adjacent to Lower Alkali Lake.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The unit consists entirely of public lands and the lakebed of Lower Alkali Dry Lake. The lakebed is unsurveyed and ownership is contested by the U. S. Government and the State of California.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The area is a flat playa associated with Lower Alkali Dry Lake. Vegetation is lacking on the dry lakebed and consists of scattered shadscale shrubs between the lakebed and the eastern boundary road.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The Eagleville airstrip is located at the very northern tip of the unit and is located adjacent to the boundary. The rest of the unit exists in a natural condition.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

The flat terrain that is devoid or only sparsely vegetated does not provide the opportunity for visitors to the unit to achieve a feeling of solitude. The flat terrain does not provide an outstanding opportunity for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES

The area does not contain any unusual or significant scientific, educational, scenic, or historical features that would be considered supplemental wilderness values.

CA-020-901

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-901 contains approximately 87 tracts of public land varying in size from less than 40 acres to approximately 3,500 acres within the Massacre Planning Unit. Most tracts are separated from other public land by roads and/or private land. A few tracts are bound on one side by federal land administered by another federal agency. None of the tracts is contiguous to another federal agency's wilderness study area or potential study area. These small tracts of public land obviously do not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

CA-020-904

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-904 contains approximately 56,000 acres of public land within the Massacre Planning Unit. Approximately 19,000 of the acres are a dry lakebed. The area is natural in character but does not offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive type recreation. The Unit obviously does not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The area is bound on the east by a maintained surface road, on the north by paved road U. S. 299 and private land, on the west by private land and on the south by private land and a maintained surfaced road.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

A large portion of the unit, the dry lakebed and associated shoreline, is contested ownership by the U. S. Government and the State of California. There are 5 private inholdings totaling 5,600 acres.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Approximately one-third (1/3) of the unit is a barren dry lakebed that only holds water following spring runoff and heavy rains. Another one-third of the unit is a alkali flat covered with shadscale and greasewood vegetation. The remaining one-third of the unit is flat to gentle rolling sagebrush covered topography.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The area is essentially natural in character. Minor impacts include a well, dam-type reservoirs and a few ways. Their overall impact on naturalness is low.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

Even though the area is quite large in acreage, the unit does not have natural features that provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive type recreation. The flat barren terrain and low brush type vegetation seriously restrict the area's opportunities.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES

The area does not contain any unusual or significant scientific, educational, scenic, or historical features that would be considered supplemental wilderness values.

CA-020-907

Inventory Unit CA-020-907 contains approximately 10,200 acres of public land within the Massacre Planning Unit. The area is generally natural in character but does not offer outstanding opportunities for either solitude or primitive recreation. The unit obviously does not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The unit is bounded on the north by Nevada Highway 34 and a maintained dirt road used by local ranchers. The eastern boundary is the City of Los Angeles powerline road. The boundary on the south is Nevada Highway 8A. The western boundary is private land and a maintained dirt road used by local ranchers.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area consists entirely of public land.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The area is a portion of Long Valley. It is flat with almost no topographic relief. The vegetation is a monotypic Great Basin brush type with big sage and greasewood the dominant species. There are several shallow dry washes which drain to the area towards Alkali Dry Lake, north of the unit.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The area is in an essentially natural condition with one major intrusion on the eastern side and several minor intrusions. Along the eastern boundary the major intrusion is approximately 100-acres that have undergone vegetative conversion to a crested wheatgrass seeding.

The minor intrusion consists of a bladed fence line that bisects the unit along a northwest-southwest line. There is a gravel pit at the perimeter by Highway 34 and a well one-half mile in from the perimeter in the southwest corner of the unit. There is a way that extends into the northeast corner of the unit for several miles.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

The flat, uniform surface of the terrain, in conjunction with its low growing vegetation, precludes any outstanding opportunities for solitude. Lack of natural physical barriers of any type eliminates any feelings of isolation. The lack of topographic variety also severely limits outstanding opportunities for primitive types of recreation.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES

The area does not contain any unusual or significant scientific, educational, scenic, or historical features that would be considered supplemental wilderness values.

CA-020-908

Inventory Unit CA-020-908 contains approximately 5,100 acres of public land within the Massacre Planning Unit. The area is generally natural in character but does not offer outstanding opportunities for either solitude or primitive recreation. The unit obviously does not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The southern boundary is Nevada Highway 8A. The eastern boundary is formed by private land and the City of Los Angeles powerline road. The southern boundary is a maintained dirt road. The western boundary is Nevada Highway 34 and private lands.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

This small area consists primarily of public lands with approximately five percent in four small parcels of non-public land from 40 to 160 acres in size.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The area is uniformly flat in land form, comprising a small section of the extensive Long Valley. Forty-nine Dry Lake, approximately one mile long by one-half mile wide, is located in the northwest corner of the unit. Several shallow washes cut across the unit from the south and east draining into Forty-nine Dry Lake. The vegetation is uniform Great Basin shrub type made up primarily of big sage and greasewood.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The unit is essentially in a natural condition. An east-west way cuts across the middle of the area. A way extends about one mile into the area in the northwest corner going to a well and windmill.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

The lack of visual screening from either terrain or vegetative variety, combined with the small size of the area and the nature of its boundaries, offers no opportunity for either outstanding solitude or outstanding primitive and unconfined type of recreation.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES

The area does not contain any unusual or significant scientific, educational, scenic, or historical features that would be considered supplemental wilderness values.

CA-020-920

Inventory Unit CA-020-920 contains approximately 10,000 acres of roadless public land within Massacre Planning Unit of which 4,500 acres are a dry lake that has water only during a short period in the spring and following heavy rains. The area is essentially

natural in character but does not offer outstanding opportunity for solitude or primitive recreation. The area obviously does not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The unit is bound on the north and south by paved county roads, on the east by the City of Los Angeles powerline road, and on the west by private land.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area consists entirely of public land except for a 40-acre inholding.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The area is a portion of Long Valley. It is flat with almost no topographic relief. Alkali Lake, a barren dry lake bed most of the year, comprises a large portion of the area. Several shallow dry washes drain the area into Alkali Lake. Vegetation is brush type with big sage and greasewood the dominant species.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The area is in an essentially natural condition. Minor intrusions within the area include a few miles of ways scattered throughout, approximately seven miles of fence line along the eastern and southern edges, and a couple of developed springs in the northern portion.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

The flat, uniform surface of the terrain, in conjunction with its low growing vegetation, precludes any outstanding opportunities for solitude. Lack of natural physical barriers of any type eliminate any feeling of isolation. The lack of topographic variety also severely limits outstanding opportunities for primitive types of recreation.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES

The area does not contain any unusual or significant scientific, education, scenic, or historical features that would be considered supplemental wilderness values.

CA-020-921

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-921 contains approximately 45,000 acres of public land within the Massacre and Cowhead Planning Units. Approximately 40,000 of the acres are a dry lakebed. The area is natural in character but does not offer outstanding opportunities for either solitude or primitive type recreation. The unit obviously does not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The area is located in Surprise Valley. The eastern boundary is formed by the Eastside Upper Lake Road. The northern, western and southern boundaries are formed by private lands.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The unit consists entirely of public land and the dry lakebed of Upper Alkali Lake. Upper Alkali Lake is unsurveyed and ownership is contested between U. S. Government and the State of California.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The area is a flat dry lakebed playa. Vegetation is absent on the lakebed with extremely sparse alkaline tolerant shrubs along the western edge between the lake and the road.

**IV. NATURAL CONDITIONS**

The area exists in a natural condition.

**V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION**

The area is flat and barren with nothing to screen a visitor from anyone else in the area. During the spring and summer months when the lakebed is wet, it is impossible to enter the area. Outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation do not exist in the unit.

**VI. SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES**

The area does not contain any unusual or significant scientific, educational, scenic, or historical features that would be considered supplemental wilderness values.

CA-020-922

**UNIT SUMMARY**

Inventory Unit CA-020-922 contains approximately 8,000 acres of public land within the Massacre Planning Unit. Approximately 5,000 of these acres are a dry lakebed. The area is natural in character but does not offer outstanding opportunity for either solitude or primitive type recreation. The unit obviously does not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

**I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES**

The area is located in Surprise Valley. The eastern boundary is a maintained dirt road. The northern boundary is the Forty-nine dirt road. The western boundary is private lands. The southern boundary is Highway 299-8A and private lands.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The unit consists entirely of public land and the upper portion of Middle Alkali Dry Lake. Middle Dry Lake is unsurveyed and ownership is contested between the U. S. Government and the State of California.

**III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

The area is a flat playa associated with Middle Alkali Dry Lake. The lakebed is void of vegetation with sparse shrubs in the east shore sand dunes. Between the dunes and the east boundary road sparse alkaline tolerant shrubs are the dominant vegetation.

**IV. NATURAL CONDITION**

The area exists in a natural condition.

**V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION**

The area is a flat playa with no topographic variety and sparse low growing vegetation or unvegetated dry lakebed. There is nothing to separate one visitor from another on the area. Outstanding opportunity for a primitive and unconfined type recreation is lacking due to the lack of diversity in the unit.

**VI. SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES**

The area does not contain any unusual or significant scientific educational, scenic, or historical features that would be considered supplemental wilderness values.

UNIT SUMMARY

Inventory Unit CA-020-1001 contains approximately 63 tracts of public land varying in size from less than 40 acres to approximately 2,000 acres within the Cowhead Planning Unit. Many of the tracts are surrounded by private land, others are separated from other public land by roads and private land and a few are bound on one side by federal land managed by another federal agency. None of the tracts is contiguous to another federal agency's wilderness study area or potential study area. These small tracts of public land obviously do not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

Inventory Unit CA-020-1014 contains approximately 10,600 acres of public land within the Cowhead Planning Unit. The unit is generally natural in character but lacks outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive types of recreation. The inventory unit obviously does not meet wilderness criteria as established by Congress and will not receive further wilderness inventory.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The area is triangular in shape. The east boundary is Nevada Highway 34. The western boundary is a maintained dirt road along the west side of Middle Dry Lake to the Weimer Ranch. The north boundary is a maintained dirt road from Highway 34 to the Weimer Ranch.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area consists entirely of public lands.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The area is a long narrow flat surrounding Middle Lake, a dry lake. There is almost no topographic relief. Vegetation consists of low growing desert shrubs with greasewood and shadscale as the dominant species. There are several shallow drainages that drain into Middle Lake from all directions.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

Generally, the site has retained its primeval character and evidence of man's presence is negligible. Other than two gravel pit sites just off Nevada Highway 34, the area appears to have been acted on primarily by the forces of nature.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

Outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive types of recreation are not possible in this area because of the lack of vertical topography and vegetational screening which does not allow visitors to be out of view from one another.

SUPPLEMENTAL VALUES

The area does not contain any unusual or significant scientific, educational, scenic, or historical features that would be considered supplemental wilderness values.

REDDING DISTRICT  
355 Hemsted Drive  
Redding, CA 96001

CA-030-100

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The northern boundary of the unit is the Oregon-California State line; the eastern border is located approximately 12 miles east of the Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge; the southern boundary extends to just north of Shasta Lake; and the western border lies approximately 20 miles west of Yreka.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area is primarily private lands with about 5 percent in small scattered blocks of public lands mostly in tracts of less than 640 acres. A public road splits one block of public land which contains approximately 6000 acres in the Mt. Dome area.

III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

The Siskiyou unit has a wide range of vegetative and topographic features. Most notable are the mountains in the west, with their timber stands; the rolling and flat oak-grasslands of the Shasta valley; and the smaller mountains, tablelands, and volcanic beds of the eastern portion of the unit which is predominantly covered by juniper - grasslands.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The imprint of man's work is substantial with many roads bisecting the public lands and many grazing improvements which reduce the acreage that can be considered in a truly natural state.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

The small size and scattered nature of the public lands, in addition to the many intrusions, degrades the opportunity for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation within the Siskiyou unit. While some individual small parcels do have some notable opportunities for recreation or solitude (such as the Klamath River), no such opportunities could be considered outstanding.

CA-030-200

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The northern boundary is approximately four miles north of the Shasta/Modoc County line; the eastern boundary is the Shasta/Lassen County line; the southern boundary is north of T. 35 N.; the western boundary is the east side of the town of Burney.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

This unit consists of approximately 12 percent public lands. With the exception of the intensive inventory units already identified (201, 203, 204), the public lands are scattered and intermingled with private lands in an irregular ownership pattern.

III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

The terrain consists of lava flows, rough volcanic areas, cinder cones, rolling hills, and a few minor peaks. The public lands are covered by grass, scrub brush and some trees in thin stands.

**IV. NATURAL CONDITION**

The imprint of man is noticeable as a result of roads, and miscellaneous live-stock facilities. Vegetation, for the most part, is in a natural state except for alterations through livestock use. The southwestern portion of the unit has been altered the least. This portion has few roads or facilities present, but private inholdings with appurtenant roads detract from the area's naturalness.

**V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION**

The fragmented and irregular shape of most parcels excludes outstanding opportunities for solitude or for a primitive and unconfined type of recreation except for certain small locales. Intrusions are scattered throughout the unit and the lack of topographic and vegetative screening does not provide for isolation except on a small scale. Although opportunities for solitude and primitive and unconfined types of recreation do exist, these opportunities are not outstanding.

CA-030-300

**I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES**

That portion of Shasta County lying east of Burney Mountain.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The area is primarily private lands with about 3 percent in public lands which are in a checkerboard pattern of ownership. There are no contiguous federal lands that have identified wilderness characteristics, nor are there any tracts of public lands that exceed 5,000 acres in size.

**III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT**

In the east and west portions of the Shasta/Clear Creek unit, the terrain is generally rough and mountainous. Vegetatively, the northern and eastern exposures are more heavily wooded than southern and western exposures. The warmer slopes are usually covered with varying brush and grass species. Timber stands in some areas are well developed. The central part of the unit is the upper Sacramento Valley with its grass and oak-grass lands giving way to chaparral in the foothills.

Riparian habitat is present along the rivers and streams in the unit.

**IV. NATURAL CONDITION**

A well developed system of roads exists throughout the unit. Mining in the western portion of the Shasta/Clear Creek unit is perhaps the most significant intrusion other than roads. Numerous large and small mines are evident in the landscape. A good deal of the private land surrounding BLM managed land is developed in ranches and residential units.

**V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION**

Primarily due to the limited size of BLM managed parcels, there are no outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive unconfined type of recreation. Those parcels which are covered with grass and brush types offer little visual and acoustical screening. Development on adjacent private lands adversely affects the solitude one may find on the public lands.

CA-030-400

**I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES**

The area east of Helena and Hayfork between T. 31 and 35 N., in Trinity County excluding the Tunnel Ridge area which will go into intensive inventory.

## II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The public lands make up 6 percent of the lands in this unit. Most public lands are in small parcels (640 acres) with some parcels close to 5000 acres in size but they are bisected by roads. There are no public lands adjacent to other federal lands that have identified wilderness characteristics.

## III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

The land in the Trinity unit is generally mountainous with cooler slopes supporting timber stands. Warm slopes and foothills are primarily covered with brush and grass species. The Trinity River flows through the center of the unit with the upper watershed bisected by steep canyons.

## IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The imprint of man is substantially noticeable. Roads are major intrusions, as many have large cut and fill slopes which limit the regeneration of vegetation. Several mines and logging areas are obvious from major viewing areas. Much of the riparian lands have been developed for private use.

## V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

The small, fragmented and scattered nature of the public lands and numerous roads throughout the unit severely lessen the quality of unconfined recreation and the opportunity for solitude. Several good, but not outstanding, opportunities for recreation exist in the river and gulch parcels but these are confined to small, isolated areas.

CA-030-500

## I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The town of Cottonwood is the approximate northern boundary; Lake Almanor, the eastern; the town of Willows the southern, and Mendocino and Trinity National Forests the western boundary.

## II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The public lands make up 2 percent of the lands in this unit. Most of the public land is scattered throughout the unit in parcels of 640 acres or less with the largest contiguous piece being 2600 acres. There are no public lands contiguous with other federal lands with identified wilderness characteristics.

Contained in the Ishi inventory unit are two small islands in the Sacramento River. In the vicinity of the islands, the Sacramento River meanders through developed residential areas and agricultural lands. Neither island could be considered as being located in an isolated area. The low water periods provide easy access to the islands.

## III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

The unit ranges from the Sierras on the east to the Coast Range on the west, with the Sacramento Valley in-between. Topography varies from steep, rough ground to the flat valley bottom. Vegetation includes timber types at the higher elevations, chaparral on the foothills, and grass-oak lands in the valleys with riparian zones along the river. Approximately one half of the unit contains the Sacramento River Valley.

## IV. NATURAL CONDITION

Most of the larger parcels of land have roads bisecting them. Only a few small isolated parcels are not under some type of intensive management and in a truly natural state.

## V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

Because of the small size of the public land parcels, the vegetation and topographic features and the many intrusions throughout, opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation cannot be considered outstanding.

FOLSOM DISTRICT  
63 Natoma Street  
Folsom, CA 95630

CA-040-103

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

All of the public lands within the Counties of Placer and El Dorado are in this unit.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area consists of approximately 400 very scattered parcels of land ranging in size from less than 1 acre to approximately 1500 acres. Most of the parcels have been impacted by timber management, mining, grazing, roads and/or occupancy. One area, CA-040-102, is adjacent to Forest Service RARE II lands, and, because of the location, is being considered for intensive inventory. The remainder of the area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public lands and is not of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-040-104

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

All of the public lands within the Counties of Yuba and Nevada are encompassed in this unit.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area consists of approximately 370 parcels of very scattered lands, ranging in size from less than 1 acre to approximately 2,000 acres. Most of the parcels have been impacted by timber management, mining, roads, grazing and/or occupancy. This area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public lands, nor are the existing parcels of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-040-105

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

All of the public lands within the Counties of Sutter and Sacramento are encompassed in this unit.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area consists of approximately 10 very scattered parcels of lands, ranging in size from less than 1 acre to approximately 40 acres. Most of these parcels have been impacted by residential development and/or agricultural uses. This area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public lands, nor are the existing parcels of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-404-204

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The area encompasses all of the public lands within the Counties of Tuolumne and Mariposa.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The area consists of approximately 250 scattered parcels of lands. One area, CA-040-201, within these counties is adjacent to Forest Service RARE II lands, and because of the location, is being considered for intensive study. Two other areas have been identified for intensive study by the Bureau. One of the areas identified for intensive study is partially located in area CA-040-205. Most of the remaining parcels have been impacted by timber management, mining, roads, and/or occupancy, do not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public lands, and are not of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-040-205

**I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES**

The area encompasses all of the public lands within the Counties of Amador and Calaveras.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The area consists of approximately 200 very scattered parcels of lands. They range in size from less than 1 acre to approximately 3000 acres. Most of the remaining parcels have been impacted by timber management, mining, roads, grazing and/or occupancy, do not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public lands, and are not of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition. One Instant Study Area, identified by the Bureau, lies partly in CA-040-204 and partly in CA-040-205.

CA-040-206

**I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES**

The area encompasses all of the public lands within the Counties of Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Stanislaus.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The area consists of approximately 130 very scattered parcels of lands throughout these five counties. These parcels range in size, from less than 1 acre to approximately 2,500 acres. Most of these parcels have been impacted by roads, commercial and/or residential development. This area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public lands, nor are the existing parcels of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

CA-040-304

**I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES**

The area encompasses all of the public lands within the Counties of Fresno and San Benito.

**II. LAND OWNERSHIP**

The area consists of approximately 200 scattered parcels of lands. One area is adjacent to Pinnacles National Monument, a designated wilderness, and from this association, this area is being considered for intensive study. Two other areas have been identified for intensive study by the Bureau. Most of the remaining parcels including the San Benito Natural Area (an Instant Study Area), CA-404-309, have been heavily impacted by mining, grazing, roads, firebreaks and/or communication sites. Also, these parcels do not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public lands and are not of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The area encompasses all of the public lands within the County of Monterey.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area consists of approximately 150 scattered parcels of lands. One area, CA-040-305, within this county is adjacent to Forest Service RARE II lands, and, because of this location, is being considered for intensive inventory. In addition, area CA-040-308 is adjacent to an existing wilderness and from this association, is being considered for intensive inventory. Most of the remaining parcels have been heavily impacted by mining, grazing, roads, and/or firebreaks, do not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public lands, and are not of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The area encompasses all of the public lands within the Counties of Madera and Merced.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The area consists of approximately 50 parcels of scattered lands. They range in size from less than 1 acre to approximately 2,500 acres. Most of these parcels have been impacted by grazing, roads, mining and/or communication sites. This area does not contain 5,000 acres of contiguous public land and is not of sufficient size to make practical its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.

UKIAH DISTRICT  
555 Leslie Street  
Ukiah, CA 95482

CA-050-114

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

All scattered parcels are situated within the King Range National Conservation Area. The unit consists of three major blocks. One is bounded by Smith Road and Etter Road; one is bounded by Horse Mountain Road, Horse Pasture Road, Saddle Mountain Road, and King Range Road; and the third is bounded by Chamise Mountain Road and Shelter Cove Road.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The scattered parcels within this unit contain approximately 3,800 acres. The smallest block is approximately 30 acres and the largest is almost 2,000. Nearly 50 percent of the total acreage is in private ownership.

The lands contained within this unit do not meet the criteria for identification as a wilderness study area. This is due primarily to the scattered nature and small size of the inventoried lands, which range from less than 30 acres to a maximum of approximately 2,000 acres.

CA-050-122

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The unit boundaries are approximately those of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Six Rivers National Forest forms the eastern boundary, the Pacific Ocean the western and the Oregon state line the northern.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

Public Lands comprise approximately 0.9 percent of the total acreage, or about 26,440 acres, within this unit. These isolated parcels range in size from six to 1,500 acres, with an average size of nearly 100 acres. There are nine parcels of public land adjacent to U.S. Forest Service lands. One parcel comprises 120 acres and the remaining eight scattered blocks make up a total of 800 acres.

The public lands contained within this unit do not meet the criteria for identification as a wilderness study area. This is due primarily to the scattered nature and small size of the inventoried lands, which range from less than six acres to a maximum of approximately 1,500 acres. In addition, numerous intrusions, such as roads, are present throughout many of the parcels.

CA-050-133

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The unit lies in northern Mendocino County with boundaries coinciding with BLM's Red Mountain Planning Unit. The town of Laytonville is at the southern end, Leggett is located at the northern end, and Highway 101 bisects the middle of the unit.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

Public lands comprise approximately 12 percent of the total acreage, or about 27,880 acres, within this unit. The scattered parcels range in size from 20 acres to 3,190 acres. All parcels are surrounded by private ownership, limiting public access in many cases.

The public lands contained within this unit do not meet the criteria for identification as a wilderness study area. This is due primarily to the scattered nature and small size of the inventoried lands, which range from less than 20 acres to a maximum of approximately 3,190 acres of contiguous public land. In addition, numerous intrusions, such as roads, are present throughout many of the parcels.

CA-050-215

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The unit lies in portions of Lake, Mendocino and Trinity counties. The boundaries coincide with BLM's East Mendocino Planning Unit. The city of Ukiah is located near the southern boundary, and the northern boundary is near the Yolla Bolly Wilderness Area.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

Public lands comprise approximately 9 percent of the total acreage, or about 35,060 acres. These isolated parcels range in size from 30 to 3,280 acres. Public lands contiguous to National Forests total approximately 6,000 acres.

The public lands contained within this unit do not meet the criteria for identification as a wilderness study area. This is due primarily to the scattered nature and small size of the inventoried lands, which range from less than 30 acres to a maximum of approximately 3,280 acres. In addition, numerous intrusions, such as roads, are present throughout many of the parcels.

CA-050-223

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The unit boundaries coincide with BLM's Cow Mountain Planning Unit with Highway 20 on the north, the city of Ukiah situated on the western boundary, and Clear Lake to the east.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

Public lands in this unit total approximately 11,520 acres. The largest of these isolated parcels is 1,920 acres and the smallest is 20 acres.

The public lands contained within this unit do not meet the criteria for identification as a wilderness study area due to the scattered nature and small size of the inventoried lands, which range from less than 20 acres to a maximum of approximately 1,920 acres of contiguous public land. In addition, numerous intrusions, such as roads, are present throughout many of the parcels.

CA-050-231

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The unit is located primarily in Mendocino and Sonoma counties and is bounded on the west by the Pacific Ocean.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

Public lands comprise approximately .01 percent of the total acreage, or about 11,720 acres, within the unit. These isolated parcels are surrounded by private ownership with little or no public access at present.

The public lands contained within this unit do not meet the criteria for identification as a wilderness study area. This is due primarily to the scattered nature and small size of the inventoried lands, which range from 1.36 acres to a maximum of approximately 2,760 acres of contiguous public land. In addition, numerous intrusions, such as roads, are present throughout many of the parcels.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The unit boundaries coincide with BLM's East Lake Planning Unit. The unit is bounded on the east by the Sacramento Valley, on the north by East Park Reservoir, the south by Lake Berryessa, and on the west by Clear Lake.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

Public lands in this unit total approximately 57,590 acres. Parcels range in size from 1.5 acres to 2,380 acres. In the Knoxville area one block of 18,760 acres of contiguous public land is broken by roads into several areas less than 5,000 acres each.

The public lands contained within this unit do not meet the criteria for identification as a wilderness study area. This is due primarily to the scattered nature and small size of the inventoried lands, which range from less than 1.5 acres to a maximum of approximately 2,380 acres of contiguous public land. In addition, numerous intrusions, such as roads, are present throughout many of the parcels.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The unit boundaries coincide with BLM's Putah Creek Planning Unit. Clear Lake is on the northern boundary and Lake Berryessa is on the east.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

Public lands in this unit total approximately 32,760 acres. Scattered parcels range in size from 1.5 acres to 3,200 acres.

The public lands contained within this unit do not meet the criteria for identification as a wilderness study area. This is due primarily to the scattered nature and small size of the inventoried lands. In addition, numerous intrusions, such as roads, are present throughout many of the parcels.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The unit lies in portions of six counties; Lake, Solano, Yolo, Napa, Sonoma and Colusa. The boundaries coincide with BLM's Vallejo Planning unit, with the southern boundary near the Bay Area, northern boundary adjacent to BLM's Redding District, and the eastern boundary along the Sacramento River.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

Public lands in this unit total approximately 4,000 acres. These isolated parcels range in size from .05 acres to 1,040 acres. All parcels are surrounded by private ownership and public access is limited.

The public lands contained within this unit do not meet the criteria for identification as a wilderness study area. This is due primarily to the scattered nature and small size of the inventoried lands. In addition, numerous intrusions, such as roads, are present throughout many of the parcels.

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

This unit includes all unreserved rocks and islands offshore of the coast of California lying above mean high tide.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

This unit includes only those rocks and islands in public ownership. Acreage is estimated to be approximately 1,000 acres; the largest island being approximately 15 acres.

The public lands contained within this unit do not meet the criteria for identification as a wilderness study area. This is due primarily to the scattered nature of the inventoried islands. None of the rocks or islands are of sufficient size or in locations to make practical their preservation and use as wilderness.

III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

The majority of the rocks and islands are within a half mile of shore. There is little or no vegetation due to the lack of soil development and harsh environment. Sparse vegetation which may occur must be extremely salt tolerant to survive. The islands provide critical habitat for sea lions and sea birds.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

Due to the small size and difficulty of access most of the rocks and islands have not been frequented by man and are, therefore, in essentially a natural condition. Various islands or portions thereof have been utilized for lighthouse purposes. Certain rocks and reefs have been used for jetty construction around harbors.

V. OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

The small size and difficulty of access limits opportunities for solitude or primitive type recreation.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

The rocks and islands do provide critical wildlife habitat and may possess outstanding opportunities for scientific and educational study of the coastal ecosystems.

RIVERSIDE DISTRICT  
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CA-060-001

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

This inventory unit encompasses all of Riverside County west of the boundary of the California Desert Conservation Area.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

A majority of the lands in this Unit are in private ownership. Less than 10 percent of this area is Bureau administered lands.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

This unit includes approximately 100 scattered publicly-owned parcels of land ranging in size from 10 acres to 2,160 acres. A majority of these parcels lie on sites with rolling, hilly topography ranging in elevation from 1,000 to 5,000 feet above sea level. Generally, vegetation consists of low shrubby plants providing little vegetative screening capability. Some oak woodland areas occur along riparian zones.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

Although small isolated portions of these parcels remain in a natural condition, they are surrounded by roads and man-made improvements (intrusions).

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

Due to the small size and isolation relative to other public land parcels, opportunities for solitude and unconfined or primitive types of recreation are limited. Visitors could not be effectively screened from one another or from the surrounding intrusions.

CA-060-011

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

CA-060-011 is comprised of 150 scattered parcels of public land and 64 areas of less than 5,000 acres bounded by roads and located within larger blocks of public land. Scattered land parcels are surrounded in whole or in part by private lands, non-wilderness areas or non-wilderness study areas of the Cleveland National Forest and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Indian reservations, military reservations, the International Border with Mexico, and various municipal city limits of San Diego County. Acreage figures for land parcels in Inventory Unit 011 range from 8 acres to 3,400 acres. None of the lands are contiguous to wilderness or lands with wilderness potential, administered by another agency.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

Land parcels in CA-060-011 are predominately public land with scattered private lands interspersed. These lands are of varying acreage and configuration with most less than one section in size.

III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

Public lands in Inventory Unit 011 can be generally characterized as either rocky hills and peaks or waterless chaparral covered hills and valleys. Many are being utilized for livestock grazing and as such have received a certain degree of human impact in the form of fences, spring developments, catchment basins, and vegetative modification projects.

**IV. NATURAL CONDITION**

Most lands contained in Unit 011 have had some limited development. Included are range improvements, mining areas, roads, and vehicle trails. Their small size, elevated orientation and irregular boundaries tend to magnify these intrusions and impair natural values.

**V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION**

Opportunities for solitude and unconfined or primitive types of recreation are limited. Public access to many of these parcels is not possible. Also, most are threatened by outside influences since adjacent lands are in residential, commercial, and agricultural development. Based upon the criteria presented in Section 2(C) public land parcels identified within Inventory Unit CA-060-011 do not warrant further consideration for wilderness resources.

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